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Potomac River Sojourn Connects with the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail

Paddlers construct a new segment of trail

Loudoun County, VA (July 15, 2005) – The mid-day itinerary for day seven of the 2005 Potomac River Sojourn featured a connection between land and water. Volunteers with the Potomac Heritage Trail Association, a volunteer group based in northern Virginia, organized a mid-day work trip for sojourn paddlers. They used a variety of hand tools to construct a new $\frac{3}{4}$ -mile segment of the planned Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail. The tools were purchased the previous year with Volunteer in the Park funds allocated to the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail Office. For more information, please contact Steve Saari, Watershed Coordinator, Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin (ICPRB), at 301-984-1908 x103; Ric Francke, Executive Director, Potomac Heritage Trail Association, at 888-223-4093; or Don Briggs, Superintendent, Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail, National Park Service, at 304-535-4016.



Photo by Jen Dotson, ICPRB

Surplus Rain Gauge Station Becomes Community's Trail Link

Community obtains public access to regional trail network



Photo courtesy Bill Huie

Newnan, GA (June 23, 2005) –The National Park Service (NPS) Federal Lands to Parks program transferred the 4.356-acre Whitesburg Rain Gauge Station to Coweta County, GA for a park, to support the Chattahoochee Hill Country Regional Greenway Trail system. Valued at over \$28,000, and transferred at no cost, the Rain Gauge Site will provide a link in the 11.9-mile McIntosh Reach, a walking, bicycling, and equestrian trail proposed to cross the property. Users can enjoy open space, parking, and a scenic vista of the Chattahoochee River when they visit. The Chattahoochee Hill Country Alliance is also receiving assistance from the NPS Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program. NPS

Federal Lands to Parks staff negotiated the transfer. For more information, please contact Bill Huie, Federal Lands to Parks Program Manager, at bill_huie@nps.gov or 404-562-3175.

We Can Now Walk on the Winnepesaukee!

Multi-use trail section completed

Franklin, NH (June 25, 2005) – The Winnepesaukee River Trail officially opened 3.1 miles of trail on June 25. This non-motorized multi-use trail parallels the Winnepesaukee River and connects Franklin and Northfield, New Hampshire. This is the first phase of a project that eventually will extend approximately 20 miles through the Lakes Region to Meredith. The National Park Service Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program helped the Winnepesaukee River Trail Association, a volunteer trail organization, with fundraising, organizational support, and trailhead park design. The trail opening culminates more than five years of work for the Winnepesaukee River Trail volunteers who gathered landowner permissions, secured funds, held trail clean-up days, designed a trailhead park in Franklin (which included an NPS Land and Water Conservation Fund grant to develop the park), and designed a kayak take-out. The group is not content to rest on their laurels, as they are busy trying to open the next section (Phase II) of the trail. For more information, please contact Lelia Mellen, Outdoor Recreation Planner, at lelia_mellen@nps.gov or 802-457-3368 x14.

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